

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. The following troops are located at Iasi:

- a. The 7 Infantry Regiment is located in the I.V. Stalin Barracks (formerly Neagoi Basarab), Strada Moldovei 23. The commander is Colonel Gheorghe Flonder; the adjutant, Major Vasile Botonea. Strength is about 750 men, divided into three battalions, each having three rifle companies and one heavy company. Each rifle company has four type ZB light machine guns and two Degtyarev heavy machine guns. The heavy company has four Maxim heavy machine guns and two type M 36 82 mm mortars.

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- b. The 16 Rifle Regiment is in the V.I. Lenin Barracks, Strada Moldovei 25. The commander is Lt. Colonel Alexandru Balmasan; the adjutant, Captain Gheorghe Solna. Strength of this regiment is 650 to 700 men, divided into four battalions of three companies each, with 50 to 60 men to a company¹. The unit is not motorized. Shoulder boards of the color of the uniform have green decorations and a hunter's horn. [REDACTED]

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- c. The 21 Heavy Artillery Regiment is in the Maresal Tolbuchin Barracks, Strada Artileriei 12. The commander is Colonel Aurel Patru; the adjutant, Captain Petre Badea. Strength is about 500 men, divided into two sections. Each section has four batteries, with four 122 mm guns each. Men belong to the class of 1934. The regiment is fully motorized [REDACTED]

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Shoulder boards are black, with red decorations. [REDACTED]

- d. The 27 Cavalry Regiment is in the Capitan Feraru Barracks, Strada Artileriei 14. The commander is Colonel Ion Lovinescu; the adjutant, Captain Ion Ungureanu. Strength is 400 men and 300 horses, divided into two battalions of two squadrons each. Shoulder boards are the color of the uniform with rose red decorations.

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2. Other military installations located here include the following:

- a. Repair shop for artillery, at the corner of Tudor Vladimirescu and Hala Lifsit Streets.
- b. Arsenal, Strada Tudor Vladimirescu 8.
- c. Main post office
- d. Regional militia command.
- e. Army bakery, with a daily capacity of 6,000 loaves.
- f. Military tribunal and prison.
- g. Securitatea battalion in the former Hotel Imperial.
- h. Area command.
- i. Railroad station.

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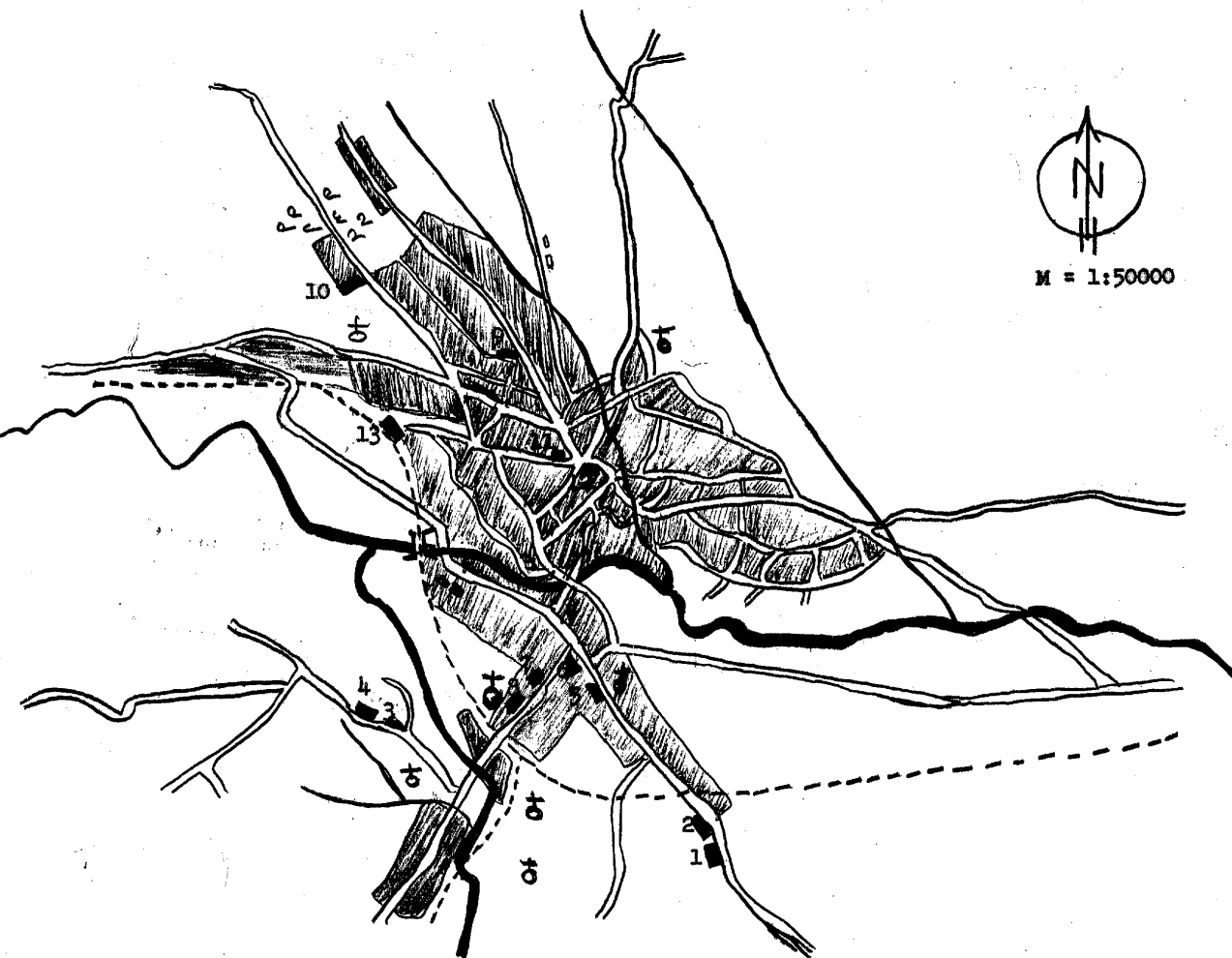
1. Comment: 50-60 men in a company seems an incredibly small number, even for the Rumanian Army.

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